



RAISE COLORADO COALITION

Presentation to the Early Childhood and School Readiness Legislative Commission

Wednesday, August 28, 2019

Agenda

- Who is Raise Colorado?
- 2019 Legislative Session
- Emerging Policy Issues
- Strolling Thunder Colorado
- Stay In Touch
- Questions



Raise Colorado is...

Raise Colorado is a **statewide coalition** that takes collective action to promote bold public policy and change public perception regarding the **health and well-being of pregnant people, new families, infants, and toddlers**. The issues we work on include:

- Quality, affordable child care
- Time for parents to bond with their babies
- Healthy emotional development
- Strong physical health and nutrition

Steering Committee Members



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Full Coalition

- Supporting role; shares Coalition's work and priorities
- Helps build public will and educates community
- Open to all with an interest

**Workgroups**

- Advisory role; makes recommendations to Steering Committee
- Issue area experts, including state and local agency staff
- Open to all with an interest

Equity Rationale

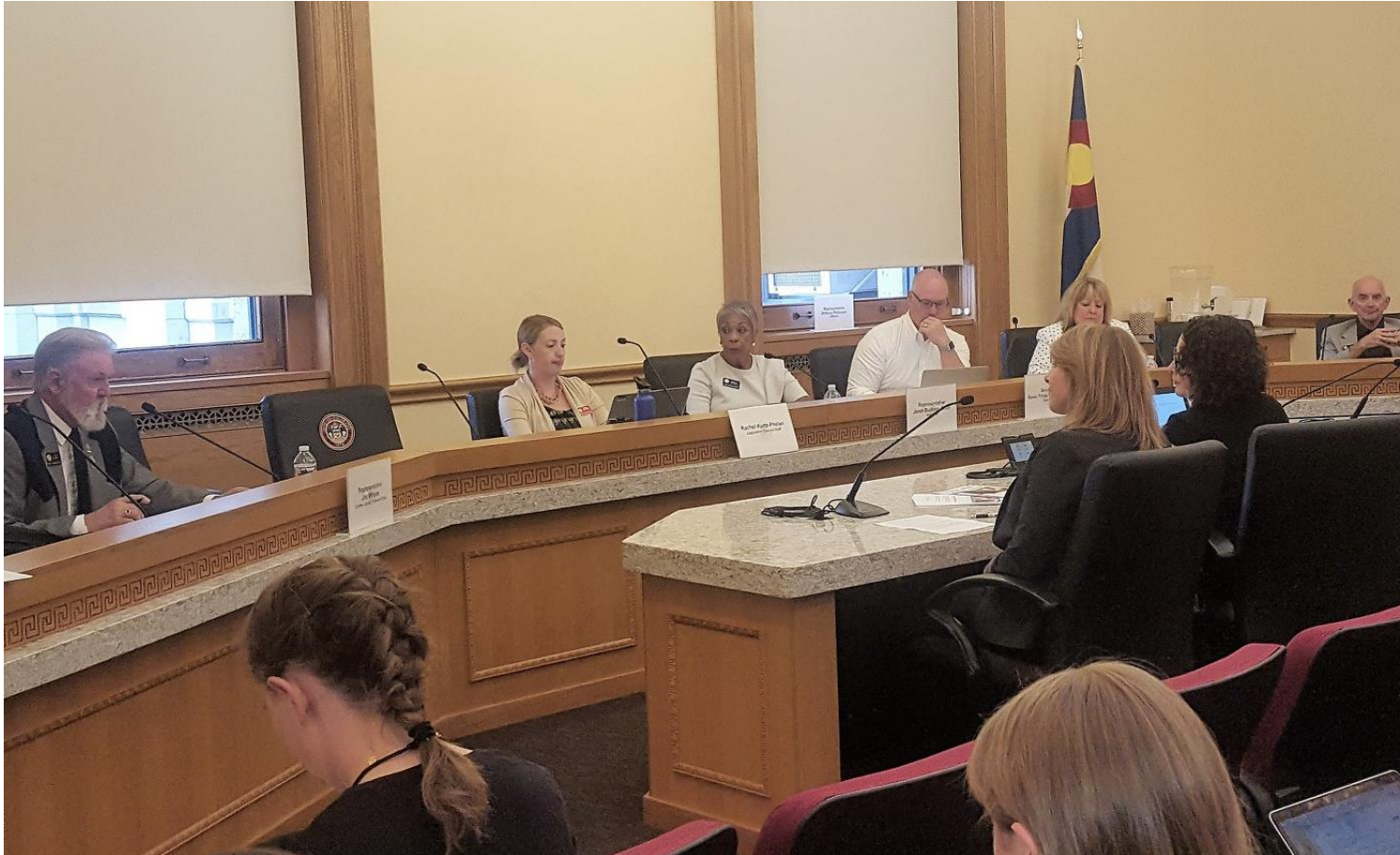
Raise Colorado is dedicated to ensuring all families get the best early start. We do this by:

- Addressing structural issues impacting pregnant people, infants, toddlers, and their families
- Bringing policy makers and directly impacted people together
- Centering community voices
- Considering the unintended impacts of policy
- Putting equity at the heart of our work both internally and externally

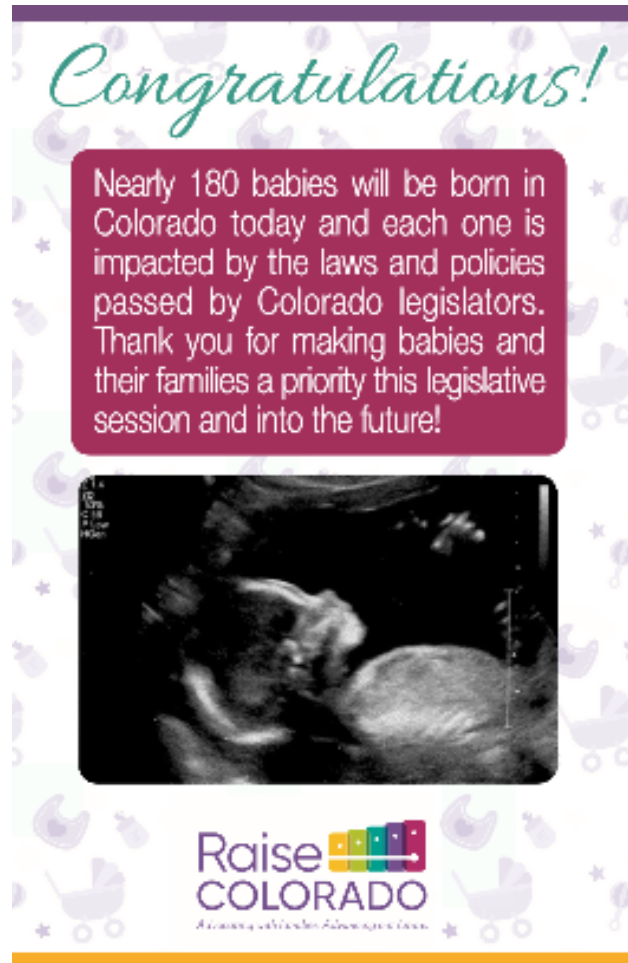


2019 Legislative Session

Presentation to ECSRLC in 2018



Introduction to the Legislature



2019 Legislative Impacts

- **HB19-1122: Maternal Mortality Review Committee (MMRC):** Would help to address rising rates of maternal death by strengthening Colorado's MMRC to codify it in statute and give it the resources needed to ensure robust participation and strong, timely recommendations.
- **SB19-063: Infant and Child Care Shortage Strategic Action Plan:** Since 2010, Colorado has experienced a steep decline in the availability of infant and family child care. SB19-063 would direct the Department of Human Services to conduct a detailed analysis of the issue, engage diverse stakeholders, and recommend policy actions.
- **HB19-1170: Residential Tenants Health & Safety Act:** Pregnant people and newborns need access to safe and sanitary living conditions to protect their health and development. This bill would strengthen a tenant's ability to resolve uninhabitable conditions.
- **SB19-188: FAMLI Family Medical Leave Insurance Program:** In the first months of life, babies need time with parents and other caregivers to develop caring, consistent relationships that foster early brain connections, forming the foundation for all learning and relationships that follow. This bill would create a paid family leave program to offer 12 weeks of leave for all workers in Colorado.



Emerging Issues

Infant and Toddler Child Care



Learn more and share your perspective on the
Infant and Family Child Care Action Plan!

SENATE BILL 63 DISCUSSION TOOLKIT

Please note that any information collected through SB 63 discussions must be submitted via the [online form](#) no later than **September 16, 2019** to the Office of Early Childhood and the Early Childhood Leadership Commission to be included in the planning process.

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Thank you for your interest in hosting a conversation in your local community about [Senate Bill 19-063: Infant and Family Child Care Action Plan](#) (SB 63). This toolkit is intended to support you in planning for your local event and **sharing your group's perspectives with the Office of Early Childhood (OEC) and the Early Childhood Leadership Commission (ECLC) in a manner they can quickly process.** Whether you've hosted hundreds of community events or this is your first, various sections of the toolkit may or may not be as relevant for you. We've bolded the sections below that are the most essential to the core purpose of the event.



Purpose of SB63 Discussions

The primary purpose of the SB 63 discussions is to identify barriers and potential solutions to Colorado's dramatic loss of infant and family child care since 2010. In passing [SB 63](#), the Colorado General Assembly (state legislature) charged the Office of Early Childhood (OEC) and the Early Childhood Leadership Commission (ECLC) with developing a strategic action plan to address Colorado's loss of infant and family child care.



Infant and Maternal Mortality Prevention



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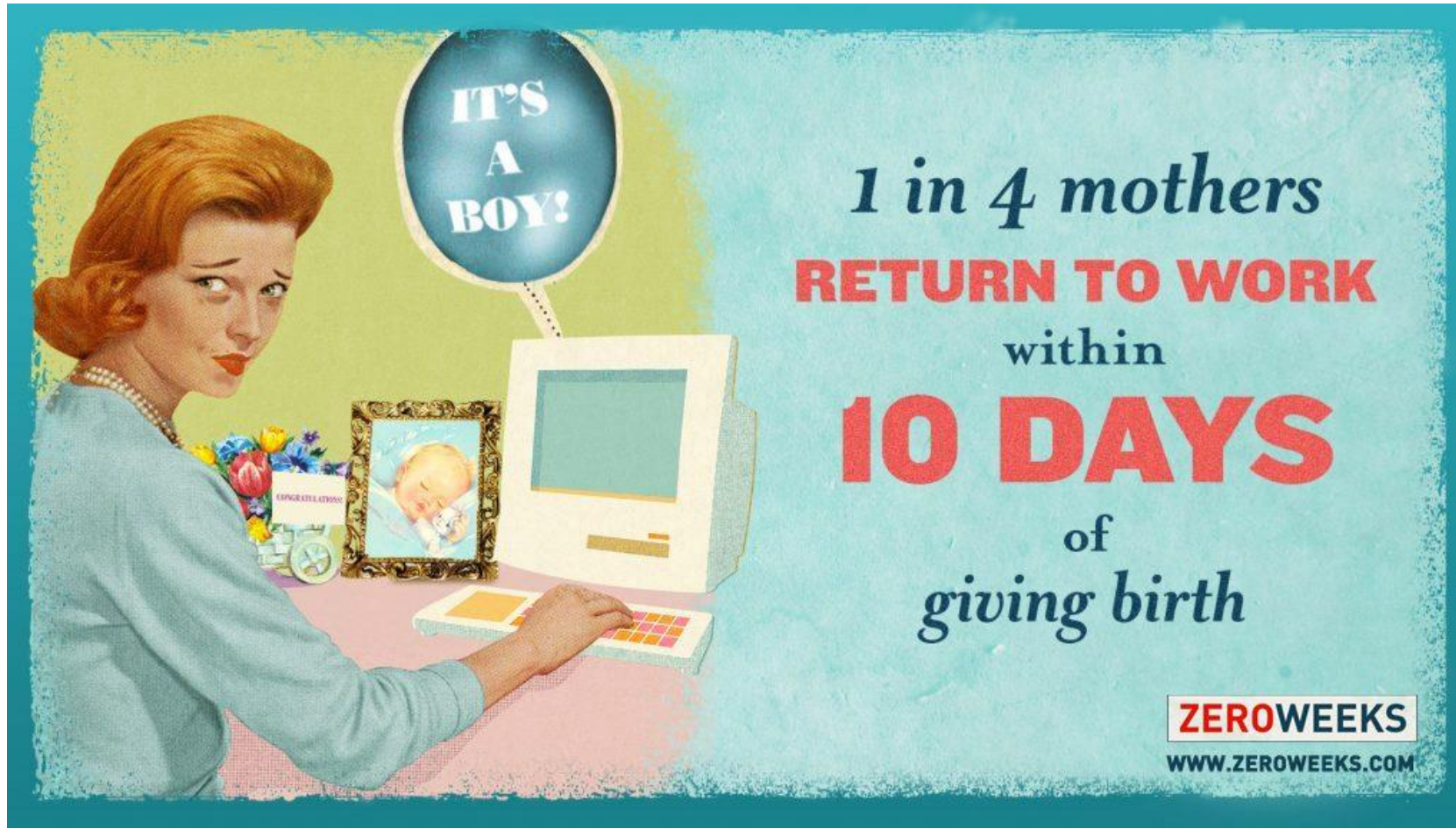
Become a member of Colorado's

MATERNAL MORTALITY REVIEW COMMITTEE

Apply by August 15 at bit.ly/coloradommr



Social Determinants of Health



Strolling Thunder Colorado

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

9:30–11:30 am: Strolling Thunder Colorado public rally & march:

- Starting at The Spring Cafe, 1373 Grant St. then proceeding around the Colorado State Capitol

11:30-1:30 pm: Luncheon for Legislators & Families from Across CO:

- Invite-only luncheon for legislators and families from each Early Childhood Council across Colorado in the basement of the First Baptist Church, 1373 Grant St.



**Meet your youngest constituents and their families
at Strolling Thunder on Sept. 21!**

Pregnant people and families with infants and toddlers are coming to Denver on Sat. Sept. 21 to bring statewide attention to what babies and families need to thrive. Join us to hear directly from families from your districts to learn more about the health and well-being of pregnant people, babies and toddlers in Colorado.

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QUESTIONS?